

REMARKS:

- 1) Entry and consideration of this Response after Final, are respectfully requested. This Response does not raise any new issues that would require further search or consideration, and does not increase the number of claims. Instead, this Response merely corrects an inadvertent error in claim dependency, which was first raised as an issue in the Final Office Action. In view of the indicated allowable subject matter, it is respectfully submitted that **this Response places the application directly into allowable condition**. Therefore, entry and consideration of this Response after Final are appropriate and are respectfully requested.
- 2) In the previous Office Action of December 23, 2009, the Examiner had applied US Patent 5,955,391 (Kameda et al.) as a prior art reference in a rejection, but this reference has not been cited on an Examiner's Notice of References Cited (Form PTO-892). Therefore, please issue a Supplemental Form PTO-892 citing US Patent 5,955,391 (Kameda et al.).
- 3) Claim 18 has been amended to properly depend from claim 16, rather than the previously canceled claim 17. This is merely a clerical correction and does not introduce any new matter. The inadvertent error in the Response of March 23, 2010 is regretted. Entry and consideration of the present claim amendment is respectfully requested.

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- 4) Referring to section 8 on page 2 of the Final Office Action, the rejection of claims 18 and 19 as indefinite under 35 USC 112(2) has been overcome by the present amendment. Claim 18 now properly depends from claim 16, and claim 19 in turn depends from claim 18. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the indefiniteness rejection of claims 18 and 19.
- 5) Referring to section 9 on page 3 of the Office Action, the allowance of claims 16 and 20 to 34 is appreciated. Because the indefiniteness rejection of claims 18 and 19 has been overcome as discussed above, and these claims depend from allowed claim 16, therefore claims 18 and 19 should now also be allowable.
- 6) Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application, including all present claims 16 and 18 to 34, are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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